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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application with all claims being rejected. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-26 have been amended to more clearly recite the present invention, and in particular, Claims 1, 16 and 25-26 have been amended to more clearly recite the "providing extended user interface" element.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-11, and 15-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,466,971 (Humbleman). Claims 3, 7-8, 12-14, and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Humbleman.

The present invention improves and maximizes performance of a native user interface. The present invention uses a remote device to provide an extended user interface to a device with a limited user-interface. For example, where the hardware of a compact disk (CD) player is capable of performing a function of displaying a title of a song, but the user interface provided with the CD player does not provide such an option to the user, the present invention will provide an extended user interface to enable the user to request such a function.

Humbleman, in column 2, lines 24-25, states its object of the invention as "dynamic and central control and command of devices in a home network." Nevertheless, the Examiner references column 5, lines 50-54 of Humbleman as teaching the "providing an extended user interface" element recited in Claims 1 and 16. That reference states:

"The client device 12 then uses the transferred GCO 22 to create a control user interface GUI 18 for the user to communicate with the control program 20 of the server device 14 from the client device 12 over the network. "

As explained above, the present invention strives to extend functionality of a device interface. Humbleman, as seen from the section referenced by the Examiner, describes creating an interface having the same functionality. Humbleman does not teach or disclose, either in the Examiner-provided text nor elsewhere in the Humbleman specification "providing an extended user-interface on the second device, the extended user-interface comprising the transmitted limited user-interface information and extended functions" recited in amended independent Claims 1, 16, 25 and 26 of the present invention.

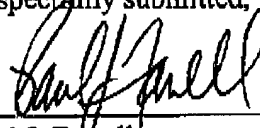
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It is thus respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC §102(a) and 35 USC §103 (a) be withdrawn and Claims 1, 16, 25, and 26 as amended be allowed. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-15 and 17-24 it is respectfully submitted that they are allowable by virtue of their dependencies on independent Claims 1 and 16.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the application as presented herein are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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